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TRUANCY SWEEP

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Thursday, November 7, 2013, Riverside Police Department and Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) personnel conducted a "Truancy Sweep." The project sought to discourage truancy in the Riverside Unified School District and also aims to reduce the frequency of juvenile delinquent behavior, including daytime burglaries, by students who are unsupervised during their absence from school.

Police officers and RUSD personnel contacted twenty-four juveniles and cited twelve students for daytime loitering in violation of the Riverside Municipal Code. The truant students were then returned to their schools of origin. Officers also located a runaway during the sweep.

